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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF SCHEDULING PLANS

REF: STATE 176414

1. BRANIFF LOCAL REP DEL SOLAR PROVIDED ACTING DCM AND CHIEF ECON SECTION WITH A PROPOSED BRANIFF SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE QUID PRO QUO FOR U.S. AIRLINE IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMANENT AEROPERU PERMIT FOR LOS ANGELES-MEXICO CITY BLIND SECTOR FLIGHTS.

2. BASIC ELEMENT OF BRANIFF'S PROPOSAL IS THAT IT DOES NOT INCREASE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN U.S. AND LIMA BEYOND PRESENT 15 PER WEEK, AND THAT NUMBER OF SOUTHBOUND FLIGHTS FROM LIMA WILL NOT EXCEED PRESENT NUMBER OF 10 PER WEEK. ON SOUTHBOUND SCHEDULE BRANIFF WOULD ELIMINATE THURSDAY FLIGHT 979 FROM NEW YORK TO SANTIAGO VIA WASHINGTON, PANAMA, LIMA AND REPLACE IF WITH MIAMI-LIMA-SANTIAGO FLIGHT. TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS NEW MIAMI-LIMA RUN, BRANIFF PROPOSES TO MAKE MIAMI-LIMA SEGMENT OF THURSDAY FLIGHT 911 A BLIND SECTOR ALTHOUGH KEEPING TRAFFIC RIGHTS FROM OTHER STOPS (PANAMA AND QUITO AND FROM LIMA TO SANTIAGO). ON NORTHBOUND SCHEDULE, BRANIFF HOPES TO HAVE BLIND SECTOR FLIGHT FROM LIMA TO MIAMI ON TUESDAY FLIGHT 908, KEEP-
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ING TRAFFIC RIGHTS FROM OTHER STOPS (QUITO AND BOGOTA)

AND REPLACE THE TRAJJDFRIC RIGHTS FROM LIMA TO MIAMI THEREBY GIVEN UP WITH A CHANGE IN THE ROUTING OF ITS SUNDAY 970 FLIGHT. THIS CHANGE WOULD REPLACE MIAMI AND QUITO FOR PANAMA AND GUAYAQUIL, RESPECTIVELY AS STOPS ON THE LIMA-NEW YORK FLIGHT. MAJOR EFFECTIVE CHANGE WOULD BE REPLACEMENT OF A NEW YORK-WASHINGTON-LIMA FLIGHT WITH A NEW MIAMI-LIMA FLIGHT.

3. DEL SOLAR SAID THAT BRANIFF HOME OFFICE REPS WOULD BE GIVING DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL TO STYLES MOR OR LESS AT SAME TIME AS HIS PRESENTATION TO EMB OFFS.

4. ON RELATED MATTER, DEL SOLAR EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT AEROPERU OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL TROUBLES ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT IS NOW OPERATING ON INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE, AND FINANCIAL LOSSES ON INTERNATIONAL SIDE REPORTEDLY GROWING. DEL SOLAR RECOGNIZES THAT IF AEROPERU IS IN BAD HEALTH AND IS NOT IN POSITION EVEN TO MAKE ALREADY-PERMITTED FLIGHTS, THEN PROSPECT FOR INCREASED ROUTES ON BILATERAL BASIS IN FUTURE IS DIM INDEED.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE CHANGES IN BRANIFF SCHEDULE COULD BE REASONABLE BASIS FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH GOP IN RETURN FOR APPROVAL OF MEXICO CITY-LOS ANGELES BLIND SECTOR FOR AEROPERU. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT GIVE CLOSE STUDY TO PROPOSAL WITH VIEW TO PREPARING NECESSARY CORRESPONDENCE (WE BELIEVE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WILL SUFFICE) TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NEW SCHEDULES AND RESOLVE PRINCIPLE REMAINING CIVAIR PROBLEM EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
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